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EX-GOVERNOR SPEAKS

New Prospect Church Dedication Sunday

Former Governor Frank M. Dixon of Alabama will be the principal speaker Sunday, Aug. 2nd, at the dedication of New Prospect Baptist Church, a few miles northeast of Shelby and it is expected that a thousand or more will attend, bringing food baskets for a picnic dinner.

Mr. Dixon is a son of a pioneer Baptist preacher, Rev. T. Dixon who served as New Prospect pastor for 52 years and lies buried, beside his wife in the cemetery there. He will be introduced by Publisher Lee B. Weathers.

Rev. A. M. Kiser, a former pastor will give a brief history of the church, founded by pioneer John Teeter Beam in 1801 who came from Germany as an early settler and has thousands of descendants in this area.

A brief dedication sermon will be preached by the pastor, Rev. L. W. Smith, and there will be special music with the program starting at 10 a.m., and ending at 12:10, after which lunch will be served.

A dozen or more descendants of the Rev. T. Dixon will come from far and near, some of them making their first visit to the county. Mrs. O. Max Gardner has invited the Dixons to her home after the New Bethel program for refreshments, this being the home of Col. LeRoy McAfee who figured in some of the novels written by Thomas Dixon, dealing with the reconstruction period.

New Bethel's board of deacons are Zeno Hord, chairman, Parham Beam, Fibra Poston, Paul Allen, D. M. Cline, J. L. Allen, E. G. Clark and Paul Hord.



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